

FFPSA Foster Care Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
<i>For current pending applications that we have received, are we expecting that they resubmit packets with all the new forms?</i>	No. Any foster home licenses approved after 02/01/2020 must comply with FFPSA changes. If old forms are used, the supervisor MUST document in a supervisory provider note that FFPSA requirements were met.
<i>Can we use the previous forms?</i>	DCYF staff should use the most current version of forms and encourage partner agencies to utilize the most current versions. Using the current versions minimizes data input and streamlines business practices. However, we WILL continue to accept previous forms as long as we continue to verify all FFPSA requirements are met.
<i>Forms have numerous typos and errors. Are they being fixed?</i>	Yes, all forms related to FFPSA have been fixed and updated in the DCYF Forms Picker and external website.
<i>Are the policy agreements no longer required effective February 1, 2020 since the new Inspection form has policy sections at the end?</i>	Correct. So long as the updated Home Inspection Checklist (10-183) is completed, the policy agreements are expected to be removed from the DCYF Forms Picker by Spring 2020.
<i>On the Home Inspection Checklist- there are spaces for BOTH applicants to initial- often times only ONE applicant is present during the home inspection. Do both have to be there now to sign on this form since these appear to be policy issues they have to sign off on?</i>	The last section of the Home Inspection Checklist (10-183) replaces the policy agreements (10-290). While both applicants do not have to be present during the inspection, they both have to initial all of the policy agreements in the last section titled "WAC Review/Acknowledgment."
<i>Can you speak to booklets? Will we be getting updated ones?</i>	We recognize booklets can be valuable; however, there will be many changes in WAC 110-148 over the next several months and we want to be mindful with our resources and time. Once all the foster home WACs are revised, we will order new booklets. WAC 110-148 updates should be on the legislative website on 02/21/2020. In the meantime, we have attached the updated WACs in a word document.

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<p><i>On the Home Inspection Checklist (Section 1455) in the pool section it talks about the buoy but does not speak to the filtration system. Did this get taken from the list of requirements now?</i></p>	<p>No. This was an oversight. We have added it in.</p>
<p><i>There were several good questions raised pertaining to the Household Child Vaccine Exemption (15-455)</i></p>	<p>In light of the copious amount of thoughtful feedback given by staff, we have decided to go back to using the prior Exemption Form. This form is only required if a child has a medical exemption. In the future (Spring 2020) we will create a Child Immunization Certification form for staff to use. Until that form is developed, licensors will continue to verify children’s vaccinations.</p>
<p><i>Will we license a foster home for children under age 2 if a household member has a medical exemption for pertussis?</i></p>	<p>Yes. This was updated in WAC 110-148-1320.</p>
<p><i>Is Applicant / Adult Household Member Vaccine Exemption (10-565) required for all applications?</i></p>	<p>No. This form is only required if applicant is seeking licensure for children under age 2 OR medically fragile children AND have an adult household member that has a medical exemption.</p>
<p><i>When is the Applicant Medical Report (13-001) required?</i></p>	<p>The Applicant Medical Report requires an in-person medical physical within 12 months of the date of the application. This is only required at time of new license and NOT for renewals or for an adoption update.</p>
<p><i>Have all of the field test application documents been finalized?</i></p>	<p>No. The only ones that were finalized are the ones that were required by FFPSA. We are planning to finalize the remaining documents during Spring 2020. Additional communication to follow.</p>
<p><i>Is medication management training through the Alliance required for new applicants?</i></p>	<p>No. Reviewing WACs 110-148-1560 thru 110-148-1595 with NEW applicant(s) will meet the medication management training requirement for FFPSA. Applicant(s) may choose to take the formal medication management training through the Alliance but it is NOT required.</p>